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Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter, in conjunction with the accompanied letter from the Utah Division of Air Quality (DAQ), formalizes a request for your participation in the development of a basin-wide emission inventory for the Uinta Basin. The two letters represent a joint request from the agencies having air quality regulatory authority in the Uinta Basin. Since January the EPA has been working closely with the Utah Division of Air Quality (DAQ), the Ute Indian Tribe's Air Program and oil and gas producers to establish a protocol for gathering emission inventory information for the Uinta Basin. This emission inventory will be used for future air quality planning such as a possible future ozone nonattainment area designation.

Due to the Uinta Basin's unique air quality challenges, and the possibility of a future ozone nonattainment designation, the EPA, DAQ and the Ute Indian Tribe consider it a high priority to establish a basin-wide emission inventory. By working with oil and gas producers to collect emissions data, we can better understand the emissions sources and profiles, and identify possible mitigation strategies for improving air quality in the Basin.

A single, yet multi-jurisdictional, data warehouse to hold the emissions data has been developed and will be managed by the DAQ. The tool for building the data warehouse will be the Air Agency Oil & Gas Workbook, which is available for download at <http://www.deq.utah.gov/FTP/InventoryWorkbook.htm>. The Workbook offers a consistent reporting mechanism for providing this information and requires each operator to fill out one data set that encompasses all Uinta Basin activities. We are requesting that you complete the Oil and Gas Workbook for all of your facilities located in the Uinta Basin and submit it via FTP upload to DAQ by December 31, 2015. The data provided should be from calendar year 2014 and based upon actual emissions.

To support the completion of the Workbook, the DAQ is offering training to all recipients of this request. We would ask that you take some time to look over the workbook online and withhold any technical questions until the training session, where all can benefit from the discussion. The training session will be held via webinar on September 15, 2015 at 10:00 am and will be recorded and posted on the DAQ website for future use. Instructions for joining the webinar are enclosed.

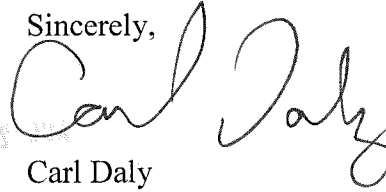
We are pleased with the level of commitment we have received from operators to provide the emissions data in a timely manner to support air quality planning in the Uinta Basin.



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Please contact Chris Dresser, of my staff, at (303) 312-6385 if you have any general questions regarding this request.

Sincerely,



Carl Daly
Director, Air Program

cc: Minnie Grant, Ute Indian Tribe, Air Quality
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